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Since 2012, the United Nations has observed World Down Syndrome Day every 21 March to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of people with Down Syndrome. The date 3.21 symbolises the extra copy of chromosome 21 that most individuals with Down Syndrome have. This extra chromosome blesses our friends with Down syndrome with a genuine and sincere spirit, filling their lives with possibility and meaning.

Our 2026 World Down Syndrome Day Event



321 Smile

People with Down syndrome often have a simple, open-hearted, and pure nature. Their smiles are infectious, spreading joy to everyone around them. Inspired by these lovely smiles, our president, Mrs. Victoria Tang-Owen, created the "321 Smile" logo as a memorable symbol to share their positive energy with the community.

Design concept

- A ribbon fashioned from mismatched socks conveys a friendly and gentle impression, symbolising our friends with Down Syndrome.
- Blue and yellow represent hope, happiness and our acceptance of and support for individuals with Down Syndrome.



Our 2026 World Down Syndrome Day Event

"Pure and True" 321 Smile Photo Exhibition

Let the world see our smiles!

Through this exhibition, we hope to bring you pure joy by sharing the genuine smiles of people with Down Syndrome and let the public see their happiness, their connections, and their life stories.

We warmly invite you to join this special photo exhibition. Details are as follows:

Date: 21-22 March 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)

Time: 12nn-6pm,

Venue: C.C. Wu Building - G/F (302-308

Hennessy Road, Wanchai)

Programme: Photo exhibition, Inclusive craft workshop, Postcard message corner

Enquiries: 2718 7778

*Every visitor will receive a "Pure and True" postcards.

AEON "Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign" x HKDSA Charity Sales



From February to July 2026, shop at any AEON store on the 11th of each month to receive a Yellow Receipt. By placing your Yellow Receipts into the Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association box, AEON will donate goods worth 1% of the total value of all receipts designated to us, supporting member families in need. Purchases made through the AEON mobile app also generate an electronic Yellow Receipt, which you can assign to us in the app.

On the 11th of each month from 11 am to 6 pm, we will host a booth at various AEON stores, featuring a charity sale of beautifully handcrafted items made by our trainees and parents. Come by and say hello!

Date	Venue
11th April (Sat)	AEON Kowloon Bay Store - Level 1 and Level 2, MegaBox, Enterprise Square Five, Kowloon bay
11th May (Mon)	AEON STYLE Kornhill - Kornhill Plaza (South), Quarry Bay
11th June (Thu)	AEON SUPERMARKET Tsim Sha Tsui Store - LG1 & LG2, The One, T.S.T.
11th July (Sat)	AEON STYLE Yau Tong - 1/F and 2/F, Domain, Yau Tong

Support from Our Corporate Partners

Our heartfelt thanks to corporate partners from all sectors for organising events that build understanding and care for people with Down Syndrome and other disabilities.



Discovery Bay Recreation Club 18th Tennis Charity Cup

For many years, the Tennis Charity Cup hosted by Discovery Bay Recreation Club (DBRC) has not only raised vital funds for our self-financed services but has also given our members a wonderful stage to shine.

This year, our members delighted everyone with their juggling performances, earning thunderous applause which was a truly touching recognition of their hard work and incredible potential.



Hong Kong Social Enterprises Employee Recognition Scheme 2025

Our association is committed to workplace inclusion. We provide appropriate training to our trainees for open employment and show employers how employees with disabilities contribute to real value. This year, we are thrilled that Li Yuk Kwong and Chau Kin Wong from our Down's Kwan Ngai Service Team received the Most Cooperative Spirit Award and the Outstanding Employee Award, respectively. Their achievements recognise their dedication and abilities, while encouraging more employers to open their doors to people with disabilities.

If you are interested in hiring employees with disabilities or providing an internship opportunity, please contact our Employment Services Centre at 2611 9747.



iRun - The Hong Kong Jockey Club Special Marathon 2026

40 runners with Down Syndrome, along with their running buddies, were sent to take part in TWGH's "iRun" — Hong Kong Jockey Club Special Marathon 2026. Many of our long-time pairs reunited on the course and completed the 3km inclusive run together, proving sport truly belongs to everyone.



Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2026 - Marathon Charity Programme

For the first time, the association was a beneficiary organisation in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2026. Heartfelt thanks to the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates and all the charitable runners for helping us raise funds for our self-financed arts and sports programmes, giving people with Down Syndrome and other disabilities more chances to shine across more sports. On race day, our DS ambassadors introduced our services to runners and other organisations, and shared snowflake crisps handmade by our trainees.

We look forward to meeting everyone again at the Marathon next year!

**Volunteer
Registration**

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Donate Now

As the 2025/26 fiscal year nearly comes to an end, we would like to invite you to make a donation by 31st March to support our self-financed services. Your generous gift not only helps our members with Down Syndrome and other disabilities, as well as their families, but also comes with tax benefits.

Donate HK\$100 or above before 31st March 2026, you can claim a tax deduction for charitable contributions with your donation receipt.

Your support enables us to offer a wide range of social, arts and sports activities, helping our DS members thrive in every aspect. We also provide tailored training for those ready to enter open employment, and assist employers in hiring people with disabilities, building inclusive workplaces.

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Registered as a non-profit-making organisation since October 1987, The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association is committed to serving individuals with Down Syndrome, intellectual disabilities or other disabilities and their family members with integrated family support and vocational rehabilitation services. Our objective is to enable service users to develop their personal growth fully in every aspect of life, as well as to meet their employment and vocational training needs.

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